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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
YOSHIMASA SUZUKI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: COOLEY, C.  
SERIAL NO: 09/852,210 :  
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FOR: VACUUM ASSISTED MIXER FOR :  
CAPSULE OF DENTAL  
RESTORATION MATERIAL

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RESPONSE

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of March 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 6 to read as follows.<sup>1</sup>

1. (Three Times Amended) A mixer and a capsule in combination for a dental restoration material for mixing a powder component and a liquid component of the dental restoration material by shaking, comprising:

C1 a capsule configured to retain the dental restoration material and including a mixing compartment and an air-permeable filter configured to ventilate air within the mixing compartment to an outside of the mixing compartment, placed as an outer wall constituting at least a part of a peripheral wall of the mixing compartment;

<sup>1</sup> A marked-up copy of the amendments is attached hereto.